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c/o Marlene Dortch, Secretary  
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**Docket: WT 11-65**

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

I am an Oregon state Senator representing a district comprised of most of five rural counties. My former veterinary practice served much of three of those counties. I urge you to support the passage of the proposed AT&T and T-Mobile merger because I believe that my constituents and neighbors will be greatly benefited.

It is my understanding that uniting AT&T's and T-Mobile's network will improve coverage and service quality to existing customers of both companies. T-Mobile customers, in particular, will benefit from being connected to AT&T's forthcoming 4G Long Term Evolution (LTE) network. This merger will bring LTE mobile broadband to an estimated 55 million more Americans through expanded coverage of the combined networks and the promised investments by AT&T. The small towns and rural areas of my district will greatly benefit from access to the expanded services and latest technology that currently may only be available in more urbanized areas.

I appreciate your favorable consideration on this matter. I believe that the FCC should approve the proposed AT&T and T-Mobile merger.

Sincerely,

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